



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for MARCH 26, 2021, 2:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on March 26, 2021, 2:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Maynard, Swope, Martin, Nelson, Smith, Stover, Sypolt, Woodrum, Caputo, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Woelfel

Members absent: Senator Maroney

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Swope, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

### **S.B. 622 – Increasing compensation for elected county officials**

Chairman Maynard laid the committee substitute over to the next meeting.

### **H.B. 2003 – Relating to the authority and obligations of the Governor and Legislature when in declared states of preparedness and emergency**

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. Senator Ihlenfeld moved to amend the bill, it was put and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2003 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### **S.B. 695 – Providing procedures for decreasing or increasing corporate limits by annexation**

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, S.B. 695 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

### **S.B. 642 – Requiring legal advertisements by State Auditor be posted to central website (CF)**

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, S.B. 642 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

### **Originating Bill #1 (PC)**

Phillip Childs, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the originating bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Stephen McDaniel, Director, WV Division

of Natural Resources, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) Senator Martin moved to amend the bill, it was put and adopted. Senator Swope moved to report Originating Bill #1 to the full Senate and requested unanimous consent to withdraw his motion. On motion of Senator Swope, Originating Bill #1 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On Motion of Senator Swope the committee adjourned.



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Mark R. Maynard, Chair



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Isabel Kinnison, Analyst/Clerk



The Senate of West Virginia

Testimony taken this 26 day of March, 2021, in  
the Senate Committee on Government Organization.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be  
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me  
God."

Stephen McDowell

Print Witness Name

[Signature]

Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Mark R. Maynard

Print Member Name

[Signature]

Sign Member Name